## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

**RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION:** DMR Regulation 95.06 CC, Closed Area No. 20-B, Back River, Wiscasset and Westport, promulgated November 26, 1996, is repealed and replaced by the following rule:

**TEXT OF RULE:** DMR Regulation 95.06 CC, Closed Area No. 20-B, Back River; Wiscasset and Westport.

Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Back River, Wiscasset and Westport, inside (northerly) of a line beginning at the old ferry landing on Westport Island and running north to the southern most tip of Berry Island; then running due west to the Wiscasset shore; AND south of a line drawn east to west at the Westport Bridge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1998

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## STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.06 CC, Closed Area No. 20-B, Back River, Wiscasset and Westport, promulgated on November 26, 1996, and replaces it with a new rule. This new rule decreases the size of the closure by opening the southern end of the Murphys Corner area of Woolwich, west of Oak Island.

DMR staff has sampled this area and have determined that shellfish in this area are no longer subject to pollution and are safe for harvest. The area that remains closed has a licensed overboard discharge.

GHEERT M. BILODEAU, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR E. PENN ESTABROOK, COMMISSIONER (Acting)

AS AUTHORIZED BY 12 MRSA SECTION 6023

